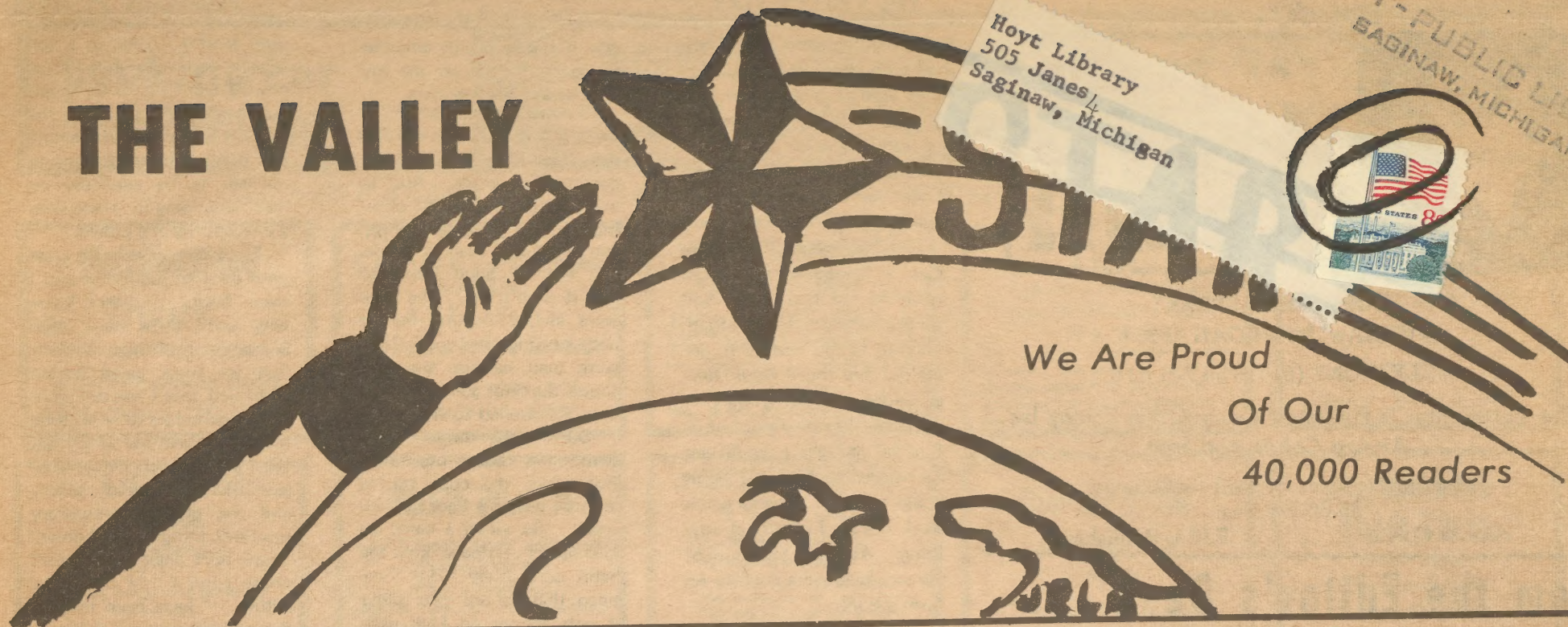


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Black Press is Pulse of Black Community

BY: Jim Colvin

The Mid-Winter Workshop of the NNPA was held in Washington D.C., January 24 through 27. The theme was, "Extend the Reach of the Black Press". It is a common fact that the pulse of the black community depends more and more on the arms of the black press.

For many years, the voices of the black and minority communities haven't been heard because the daily news only addressed itself to the negative part of the black community. And the positive image of the black community has been buried in silence because of its lack of communication.

The black press throughout America has made a major break-through in giving the black community an opportunity to be heard and their wish is to be expressed in both a positive and construc-

tive manner.

Saginaw is one of those communities that has for so long been without a means of positive communication. The Valley Star, along with hundreds of other weekly papers throughout America, has joined hands to make our community a community to be heard, to be seen and to bring all problems to the surface to be dealt with in a constructive manner.

The Credo of the Negro Press is: "The Negro Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every man, regardless of race, color, or creed, his human and legal rights. Hating no man, the Negro Press strives to help every man in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back."

We, here at the Valley Star, will attempt to bring forth a new image and new ideals as well as new emphasis on the black community. We will speak out against those harmful to us whether they are black, brown or white. We will stand firm in our belief that justice, freedom and the pursuit of happiness is for Black America.

We will not hesitate to challenge the ones who have and still do, block our progress. We must also challenge those among us who have for so long been known as false prophets.

It is common knowledge that two evils, one working from the outside and one from the inside, can soon devour a body or a nation. Therefore, we find it much easier to deal with one enemy than two. And if we are to survive, prosperously, we must unite in togetherness, and destroy the evils inside of us.

The black and brown readership in America has soared to a record high of 35 million and up. "The black community is becoming acutely aware of itself and its potential and others are also becoming aware of the new

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I'll Beg to Remain Drug Free

(This is the fourth of 6 series on Drug Abuse and Education. Preparation arranged and presented by Stop the Flow of Drugs, Inc.)

Tony, married with three kids, is thirty-four years old. He started using drugs when he was fourteen years old.

Because his family was always poor, he looked up to the people that had money. These people were prostitutes and drug dealers. He saw that they had money and this was all that was important - not how they got their money.

His story, he wants all to read, was written so people can see that he took a wrong step-drugs and that he doesn't want anyone else to go through what he had to go through. He wants people who use drugs to stop for their own good. He also stresses that for those not using drugs now don't start.

Someday, he hopes to see a drug-free treatment clinic. This type, he feels, would be better than the present Methadone Treatment because people wouldn't be using a drug to get off a drug. He would like to see an easier, faster, and better way of treating an addict.

Tony's story:

"Ask and you shall receive, Knock and the doors will open."

Such a beautiful scripture. And those who live by it are surely rewarded. You see, instead of "knocking" I used to break in when no one was home. And instead of "asking" I used to take what I could when no one was looking.

Although I am a high-school drop-out, I consider myself to possess a P.H.D of the streets. You see, I've been a dope addict for over twenty years. And although I've been receiving treatment from the local Methadone Clinic, I'm sure society will always consider me a dope addict. If only the Methadone Program had a director really interested enough to push for

a job placement program.

To all that have been tempted to use drugs and all those beginning, you will see that the bad things about drugs, by far, surpass the good. There is always the agony and suffering you bring upon yourself plus the shame you bring on your family.

I am a Chicano. I was born in the third largest town in Texas - San Antonio. I am the fourth of fifteen children and was raised in a "Barrio" of ghetto. We were constantly moving and always to another Barrio.

I was five years old when my father left us. My mother was forced to go on welfare until she married again. Our first step-father was good to us but wasn't ready to settle down. After two step-brothers, we were left with our

mother and welfare again.

And by welfare, I mean just powdered milk, eggs, beans and rice. Sometimes canned meat and lard and that was all. By then, two of my three older brothers had died of illness.

We were good kids then and didn't know what growing up and running loose on the streets could do to any kid. I started hiding money for cigarettes and playing 'hokey' from school.

I was in a world of my own. At fourteen years I was a gang-leader. I started the gang on wine, sniffing glue, and smoking pot. At first my brothers didn't want to try pot but I told them they wouldn't hang around with my gang if they refused

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Girl of the Week



Miss Cheryl Ellis, an attractive young lady in anyone's eye's, her hobbies are drawing, singing, sewing and bowling. I hear she's great at all these things. She's five feet five inches tall and weighs one-hundred and twenty pounds. She also has a wonderful job, as a secretary, would you believe a young lady of only twenty years old has accomplished all this, she must be quite a young lady.

The Man of the Hour - - -



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bination of all the things a girl would dream of for her man. But forget it girls, there's already a lovely Mrs. Johnson. But you fellows that would like help selecting a sharp wardrobe see Frank at Webster's in the Mall.



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From the Editor's Desk

A MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG BLACK OF SAGINAW



Stop and reevaluate your past and ask yourself, "Are you moving in the right direction?" So many of you today have taken to drugs and crime. And believe me, I know they supply you with a lot of thrills and needs. But there are two important things you should take note of.

1. You are raising children.
2. You will soon be our senior citizens.

Now let's take a look at the sufferings that you have brought upon our senior citizens of today. Our neighbors are afraid to stick their heads out of their doors to get their mail. There is no such thing as walking to the corner store, singing one's favorite hymn. Because of the fear in their hearts they can no longer enjoy the freedom and joy of our streets.

Because of the fear in their hearts, they can no longer stand on their porches and talk with their neighbors. Because of the fear in their hearts, they can no longer reach out and say, "young man, can you help me across the street?"

Because of the fear of crimes being committed, our businesses are closing so fast that all of Northeast Saginaw is becoming totally isolated as far as business and transportation is concerned. We have fifteen year old boys walking around with sawed-off shotguns and other dangerous weapons. If this isn't enough to awaken you - then all hope of that wonderful phrase of your's "Black is Beautiful" is slowly drifting into "Black is destructiveness."

Now let us talk about some of the consequences. The only way the chances can be made is through three main elements of power. 1. United. 2. Political. 3. Financial - the most important.

Ask yourselves, "How do I get possession of these three important weapons?" To get the first, reach for your fellow man through trust and respect. Education is the key to

the second and through economic development in our own communities we can obtain the third.

Every Black, being convicted of a felony, no matter how educated he is, cannot run for a public office. It would be almost impossible to open a legitimate business. By committing a felony, you have destroyed two generations of life - your's and your children's.

Let us look at the drug problem. Is it impossible for you to see what is happening? If you're as smart and as "hip" as you think you are, ask yourself one question, "What is going to become of the people who believe and think like you?"

If you don't see death staring you in the eyes from all directions, you better start running and screaming because you're lost.

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to smoke pot. So they did.

Dragging them down is what hurts me most now. But it didn't matter to me then. I even told them where to go steal and what houses to burglarize. I didn't have to steal then, because I was the only one who could sell all the stuff they stole. Naturally I could keep most of the money myself. But the money wouldn't last long because when I started my gang on pot. I was already using heroin. And I was already hooked by then. I thought that if I could get the gang hooked on heroin, they would steal more. But I was surprised when the gang refused to go on heroin. I had to go out and steal myself. But I did manage to get my brothers to go on stuff.

By the time I was sixteen years old I had been to reform school and so had my brothers. By then not even

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they would follow me. They were on their own, too. Mother used to plead with us to change. She even threatened to send us back to reform school. But by then even she knew that nobody could control us.

On my seventeenth birthday, I landed in jail as an adult for the first time. And to my surprise, I was afraid. I wrote to my mother to get me out and that I would never disobey or do wrongly. I really meant every word of it. I never thought I would get so sick of kicking the habit "cold turkey". It was a whole week before I could eat anything. At this time both of my brothers were back in reform school.

Being together with all kinds of criminals kind of scared me. But I never showed it. Some of my connections had been busted and were on the same floor with me. I got along alright. But I was terrified at the thought of going to prison. I had hoped to get probation since it was my first offense as an adult.

But as it turned out, I got five years at Hard Labor for Robbery by Assault.

At first it was very hard for me in prison. But I guess all the hate I had made it easier for me to withstand it all. I saw a lot of beatings guys getting knifed in prison. There was a friend of mine whose arm was shot off and another guy got killed by the same shot-gun blast. Of course, the warden called it an accidental shooting.

I even spent time in solitary confinement on bread and water twice a day. I went from one hundred-sixty pounds to ninety-five pounds. The morning they let me out I had to go to the Fields and pick cotton without having breakfast first. If you didn't pick as much cotton as the rest of your squad, you would be returned to solitary confinement.

When my time to be released came, I guess the warden was relieved. But I thought to myself, now I'll get even. And really show them.

The bus I was on pulled into the station at about 7:30 p.m. and by 8:00 I was high on heroin again. I was two blocks from the station and on my way home to my mom, when I met a guy I had been in prison with. He had just come out about one week ahead of me.

In no time at all I was hooked on heroin again. Nine months after I came out of prison I was in jail again being charged with another felony. And to kick the habit again was harder this time. I thought I was going to die, and at times I wish I had died and end the pain and suffering one goes through when kicking "cold turkey".

When I went to court I was surprised when the jury said "not guilty". I had been in jail close to one year when I walked out of the Court House a free man again. I guess I was all mixed up. I wanted to be mad at someone or something but I didn't know what or who. I also

was trying to decide whether to get a fix or go see my mother and brother first.

My brother offered to get me a job with him and a few days later I got the job doing construction work. And to my surprise, I enjoyed working. It was nothing like prison work. I had it made. But like all good things to me, it didn't last. The cops were always picking me up and beating me up. They were mad because the jury found me "not guilty". They even threatened to frame me.

During the time I was working I didn't use dope. But when the cops started messing with me I got hooked again. So when I came to Michigan I started to kick the habit completely. But I noticed that as one gets older it gets harder to kick each time. So I didn't really kick the habit completely. But I did hold it down as much as I could. I supported it by working; I didn't want to steal again. I worked in the Fields and got a job in the pickle factory. All the time cutting down on the stuff. Until I managed to skip a day and then two. Finally I was only shooting on weekends. And then only because I wanted to.

It was on September of 1964 that I met a girl at work. And then something I hadn't counted on happened. I fell in love with her. I never thought that she would take me seriously but she did. And in December after a four month romance we eloped.

That day I had only fifty cents on me. But before I asked her to elope I told her everything about me. Though I told her I would change. And she said she would help me change.

Then in September of 1965 I became a father for the first time. I never thought I could be so happy. I told my wife I'd really try to change now. When I held my son in my arms for the first time I thought I'd bust with happiness.

In December of that year I started to work for GM. I was proud of how good I was doing. But I was still shooting dope on paydays. I'd always thought up until now that I didn't have to be hooked. I should have known better. After so many years of using drugs, I should have known that nobody can control it. I had to quit working in the plant because I couldn't work with the habit I had.

If only I could have held onto my job a little while longer I would have been able to salvage my job because not long after quitting, the Methadone Program started.

Since I quit the plant I have off and on welfare. Right now I'm on it again. I am on the Methadone Program now. I know that to be on Methadone is just substituting one addicting drug for another. And one becomes a slave to it, if one is maintained on it. The difference is that it is legal and a person can hold a job and function as well as a person who doesn't use drug.

I was a member of the local Methadone Clinic's Counseling Staff. I started working at the clinic as a part-

time counselor for Chicanos. I went on speaking engagements talking against the use of drugs and informing the public about the consequences to be expected by those indulging in it and who are caught by the police.

Everything was going great until another counselor and I were fired. I didn't know why until three days later. Someone told our director that we were using heroin again and that I was selling it. Both counselors were accused of drug violations and I got fired and the other counselor was asked to attend therapy and was given a temporary job until things cooled down. I was hurt deeply and don't know what I will do in the future. I have been looking for another job. I hope to get a job in the plant for GM again. I don't want to go back on drugs again. I know I will survive and I will not let my family go hungry. Whatever I do I want to do with the law.

There is a moral to my story if you've read it carefully. You'll see that even if you're poor that you have to sell rags or paper or even beg, which at times I did. As long as you're drug-free and there is togetherness as a family, there will always be happiness.

Also, remember, you're never alone. If you need help, whether you're young or old, rich or poor, there are a lot of places and persons that can help you. But you have to take the first step. Why go through all the suffering and lose as much as I did? Also, remember, once in a while look up. Even though you will not see anything, remember that there is a god up there willing to help and guide you if you will only let him - I am!!

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The Mid-Winter Workshop of the NNPA had an overall theme of "Positive Image of Black America". To the businesses and industries of America, if you're not identifying and advertising through the black media today, you're not reaching Black Americans.

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Again, this year the teachers and parents of Heavenrich School are sponsoring an Educational trip to Washington D.C. I'm sure that every reader is aware that what our young people need is education and more education. Through this educational tour of Washington, a great deal can be learned that is of great value to the students and also to the teachers. For any trip, educational or otherwise, money is needed to finance it completely. Last year the teachers, students and parents were very grateful to all that made some type of contribution to help with the financing of the trip. This year, they are again asking for your support and help to make their trip a success. Below, you will find a letter from the trip organizer, Mrs. Louise Turner. A copy of this letter was sent to many of the Black owned and operated businesses here in Saginaw and other businesses and civic groups and the response has been very slow. These are our young people and they are in need of your help and continued support. Please do all that you can to help in any way. Thanks,

Our 6th grade students and teachers have begun an enrichment project that will entail expense for the cost of two buses for transportation to Washington D.C.

The trip will provide a broad experience through exposure to all of the national cities in the area and the students will be encouraged to take note of the new jobs and different occupations that are now open to blacks. We are hoping that this kind of experience will be valuable as motivation for our students in career development and higher education as a profession.

Our staff is convinced that every effort must be made to enhance student interest in the world of work and in higher education before students approach secondary level. While this is our endeavor, we recognize that such development of our youth is also a community concern.

Last year we were most appreciative of the financial support that was given through the volunteer bureau.

And more of this kind of help is needed this year.

The parents are working in candy sales, hotdog, potato chip sales, also cupcakes and apple sales. Parents are also working to pay the expense of \$120.00 which is the total cost per child of the six day tour. We need potato chips, popcorn, ice cream, pop, punch, hotdogs, buns and we also need cash financial aid for some less fortunate students who show fine potential but are too financially limited to afford the cost because of their limited socio economic and cultural limitations.

If your club or business considers this project as worthwhile it will not only be highly appreciated but it will hopefully send some of the 6th grade children that could not go otherwise as a part of this project.

Total cost is \$8,400.00 with payments from eligible parents and our mother's cupcake sale, to date our balance need is \$3,000.00. With your assistance we will again for the 4th time provide an unusual educational enrichment exposure for our students.

Our trip deadline for all money to be paid in is April 4, 1973. Phone - 752-2501.

Stan Mulka



Stan Mulka, 4368 Tiffon, Saginaw, is the new president of the Saginaw Chapter for the Michigan Association of Children with Learning Disabilities (MACLD). He succeeds Geraldine Monville, who recently resigned, as president.

The MACLD is a volunteer organization; it meets monthly, on the first Wednesday, 8:00, at the First State Bank. Its purpose is to promote educational and legislative programs for all children with learning disabilities. The association offers parents and professionals an opportunity to communicate educational needs of the disabled child and share experiences found in living with learning disability children.

It is estimated that 20% of school age children have learning disabilities. These children often appear to have average ability in many school related activities. However, they often experience frustration and failure because of imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell or do mathematical calculations.

Other officers of MACLD-Saginaw Chapter are: Peg Godard, vice-president; Joanne Feyedelem, secretary; and Carol Parr, treasurer. Executive Board Chairmen are: Mary Guimond, Pat Leachman, Jan Kocks, Judy Mielke and

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Mrs. Dorothy Knox Appointed to Health Board

In 1968, the organization's Board of Directors adopted a position on the role of the Mental Health Association in relation to the disadvantaged, and stated:

"It is glaringly apparent that among the poor of our nation serious illness, including severe mental illness, goes largely unrecognized and untreated. This is true at a time when most of us enjoy the benefits of enormous advance in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of health problems. Mental illness is more prevalent among the poor because for them the usual pathways to detection and treatment are blocked by such things as overcrowding, unemployment, discrimination, hunger and the other consequences of being poor."

The primary objective of Mrs. Knox's committee will be to identify methods to overcome the gap that exists between the need and the provision of mental health services for the poor and to assure that attention is given to those who need help the most.

Mrs. Knox, NAMH Secretary, is the first black woman to be elected an officer on the National level in the history of the organization. She has served on the National Board of the Mental Health Association since 1969 and just completed a term as Vice President of Program.

Mrs. Knox is currently Director of Consultation and Education at the Lincoln Community Mental Health Center in New York City. From 1960 to 1970, she was administrator at the Bedford Mental Hygiene Clinic, a division of Brooklyn Psychiatric Centers, Inc. She has been consultant to the Bedford Stuyvesant Youth in Action Family Counseling Unit since 1967 and Chairwoman of the Mental Health Committee of the Central Brooklyn Coordinating Council, Inc., since 1965. She is also a lecturer for the New

York University School of Social Work and the Institute of Child Mental Health.

An alumna of the New York University School of Education, Mrs. Knox holds her M.S.W. from the Atlanta University School of Social

Work. She is a member of the American Group Psychotherapy Association, the American Orthopsychiatric Association, the National Association of Social Workers and the Association of Black Social Workers.

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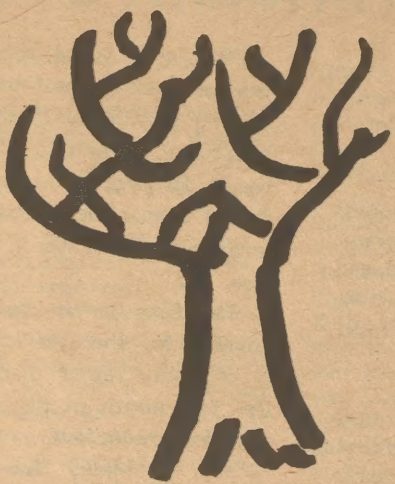
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MODEL CITIES NEWS



NEWS THAT YOU ARE A PART OF

Will Community Development Replace the Model Cities?



BY: Preston D. Wiley - Administrator - Saginaw Model Cities Dept.

What happens after Model Cities folds up next year? Perhaps another variation - a planned variation, if you will - possibly community development under the special revenue sharing concept.

The basic difference between the two functions is who handles the money. Under community development, money to fund projects will come, not from the department of Housing and Urban Development or Health Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C., but from City Hall. In the case of our own city, Saginaw city government will get its money in the form of a block grant - a package of dollars to run various federal funded activities or projects as it so determines.

Community development under Federal Revenue sharing is not yet law. It's up to Congress to pass the legislation - something it failed to do in the last session. While Saginaw Model Cities has no crystal ball, our best information does suggest that Congress may favorably consider enacting special revenue sharing community development legislation next year (1974).

Meanwhile, all Model Cities programs nationally are gearing up for the changeover. Here at Saginaw Model Cities we must agree upon program priorities for the interim period that is before us. We must work harder than we ever have for funding strate-

gies and for an effective local governmental strategy. Toward this end the Model Cities Dept. has asked city council to approve a professional management proposal designed to answer the important question of "Should the Model Cities Dept. be strengthened and reoriented with some of the projects and staff absorbed by other companies of Saginaw government?" It is this commitment, this moral commitment, that the Model Neighborhood is seeking.



This is to the two young men (teenagers) who went into my car on Saturday (Feb 10, 1973) around 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. in the neighborhood of Millard and Park St.

You were spotted by Mr. Neighbor, when you entered into my car and took my wallet. I would appreciate my wallet back, because of my credentials and personal photos.

I appreciate you mailing it to me at the following address: Resident, 711 Millard St., Saginaw, Michigan 48601.

Project Community - Black Tutorial

Black tutorial is a program based on the idea that Black children are not slower learners or less able to learn than white children. Black children need special attention and understanding.

Special attention, because most Black parents are too busy working to provide the extra attention at home or they have not been oriented towards the importance of reinforcing the training which their children receive at school. Criticism, coming from school teachers charge that Black children do not know very basic items like their alphabet, numbers, etc., when they enter into elementary school. Because they have a full classroom of such children in Black communities, their contention is that they do not have the necessary time to spend with each individual child.

White children are said to have more motivation, but the real difference is that white parents drum getting ahead or doing well in school, into their children's minds at an early age and they back it up with the extra attention to make sure that he does do well. This is a white value that has been passed on from generation to generation since whites first immigrated from Europe. Therefore, white children are not naturally smarter than Black children, they've just been taught the value of education longer and see the results in their parents.

Thus, for the Black child, not only special attention is needed, but also, understanding, because many Black parents are factory workers. The children know of their parent condition and soon, they begin to sense the prejudice and discrimination which exists in our society. The combination of these two things causes them to feel that they can do no better than their parents have done, so they give up trying.

Black tutorial hopes by working with Black children in small groups that we can

motivate children to believe in themselves and their abilities. By knowing that someone is interested in them and willing to spend time with them to help them with their problems, the child should develop a more positive attitude towards education and his own ability.

Black tutorial also feels that no child can believe in himself unless he becomes certain about his identity. There exists ample evidence to illustrate how Black culture has been distorted or suppressed. Black tutorial hopes that by showing the child what a beautiful and glorious past he has, that the child will become self-confident. With this feeling of self-worth, he will not feel that education is meaningless to him and that he cannot make a better way for himself than his parents have been able to make.

At present, the program will be operating from the 1st Ward Community Center. Other places are also being sought so that we can extend the program to several areas in the city if the response from parents is favorable and we can get other volunteer tutors into the program.

Anyone interested in the program can contact the 1st Ward Community Center and leave their name, address and phone number; or stop by and phone number; or stop by any Saturday morning at 10:00 where tutor training sessions will be conducted continuously.

The Tutorial school will operate from 10:00 till 1:00 each Saturday morning until school ends. A activity schedule of a typical session also accompanies this article.

For those with transportation problems, we are working on ways to provide transportation to the sessions. Please bear with us until we can make such arrangements.



Monument in Black

BY: Nancy Billings

Put black father on the penny, let him smile at me on the silver dime. Put my mother on the dollar for they've suffered for more than three eternities of times and all money can't repay, make a monument of my grandfather let him stand in Washington for he's suffered more than three light pars. Standing idle in the dark, hero of war that weren't begun. Name a holiday for my brother on a sunny day, peaceful and warm. For he's fighting for freedom he won't be granted for. All my black brothers in Vietnam resting idle in un-kept graves.

The poems were

submitted by

Central Jr. High

School Students.

For My Cousin

BY: Melinda Gilbert

If anything seemed unreal, it was you lying still, motionless, with no funny jokes to tell or faces to make. The Preacher talked but they could never sum up in words and neither could I. So I'll write a poem in your image and while other fix you on their minds, in your coffin while they cried, I remembered you the way you were, happy and gentle before you died. I love you so much why did you have to be the one to go?

Nancy Billings,

daughter of Constance

and Carl Billings

Melinda Gilbert,

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. L. Gilbert

of 1923 Perkins



MAYOR PAUL WENDLER reads letter from Regional Administrator George J. Vavoulis.

Mayor Paul H. Wendler is in receipt of a letter from George J. Vavoulis, Chicago Regional Administrator for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In essence states that the Federal budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1973 to July 1, 1974 requests no additional monies for the continuation of the Model Cities program as a categorical grant. HUD offers assistance to the cities for that period of time to continue Model Cities programs at a reduced level "if the city so desires" and emphasizes that the choice must be made entirely at the local level. It states that the City must if it so desires continue these activities with monies remaining in our second action year program which expires April 1, 1973. From that date to July 1, 1974 there may be some additional funds allocated which would be dramatically less than the normal annual allocation of \$1,729,000.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development specifically requests that we do not further commit current funds, i.e., amend existing contracts, execute new

contracts and/or implement new projects. Further information on the level of the allocation should be available by February 28, 1973. In the interim the City Manager, E. H. Potthoff, Jr. has requested the Model Cities Director, Preston D. Wiley, and the C. D.A. administrative staff to fill no vacant positions, to make no capital expenditures and to discontinue all unnecessary travel and expenditures. Further, he has advised that the Policy Board and Citizens Participation Unit and Multi-Purpose Center be instructed to do the same.

The Mayor asked Council at a Committee of the Whole meeting to examine the City's total posture in the Model Cities program in view of these directives. He will further ask that the Council "hold the line" on any new program, that major reductions be made in the level of expenditures on all ongoing second year programs, and a revised program for the third action year be developed with in the federal funds made available specifically for Model Cities over the next 17 months.



LISTENING TO THE SAD NEWS of the Model Cities cut, are, left to right, EP Director Karlene Beatty, Director of Model Cities Preston D. Wiley and Deputy Director of Model Cities Terry Pruitt.



Honorable Paul H. Wendler
Mayor of the City of Saginaw
City Hall
Saginaw, Michigan 48602

Dear Mayor Wendler:

Subject: Model Cities Funding Levels

The proposed federal budget for Fiscal Year 1974 does not request additional funds for the continuation of the Model Cities program. However, it is our intention to assist you to continue at a reduced level the Model Cities activities, if you so desire, until July 1, 1974. The choice of where reductions in your Model Cities effort must take place will be the decision of local officials.

To accomplish this objective, presently available Model Cities grant funds must be stretched to cover the seventeen month transition period between February 1, 1973 and July 1, 1974. By February 28, 1973 we intend to notify you what funds, if any, in addition to your current action year allocation can be made available to you. Whether or not such additional funds are available, a considerably reduced spending level will be necessary to continue through July 1, 1974. Therefore, we ask that you do not further commit your current funds, i.e., amend existing contracts and/or implement new projects, until we can provide you with additional funding information on or before February 28, 1973.

Sincerely yours,

George J. Vavoulis
Regional Administrator



Florine Jackson
Arthur Eddy Jr. Hi.



Ross Conley
Morley Elem. School



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Were You Listening?

Were you listening? These are the three youngest soloist who appeared on the Black History Program sponsored by the Third World Educators of Buena Vista Education Association. These youth made History then and if given encouragement and the opportunity, they will definitely help to fill the pages of our history as they continue to develop their excellent talents.

Were you listening as Mrs. Louberta Weathersby, President of this organization of Black teachers, explained its purpose? She pointed out that this is a group of educators whose main objective is to promote "Quality" education for all students. How well aware all of our Black brothers and sisters should be of the importance of the right type of education.

Following her brief explanation was a very impressive Black History Program which was organized and coordinated by Miss B. Zipporah Thompson, one of the members of the Third World Educators.

Were you listening? If so, your soul must have been awakened as these youth mentioned above, the youth Choir from Bethel A.M.E. Church; the Verse Speaking Choir from Ricker Jr. High; the Ebony Queen; the first-runner up (Queen) poured out their soulful numbers to you.

Rev. Harold Huggins, Pastor of Bethel Church, was the very dynamic guest speaker, explaining the purposes of the observance of Black History Week as first outlined by the founder, Carter G. Woodson. He also stated, "Blackness is a personal challenge to all of us to respect ourselves and to take the Black Experience seriously. If Black History is worth studying and celebrating, it is worth living. We should try to live it every day."

More power to Mr. Calvin Beatty, who graciously permitted this Program to be aired on his special hour, EXPRESS YOURSELF!!
WERE YOU LISTENING?

Social Security

The new social security law will reduce the 6-month waiting period for disability benefits to 5 months, effective in January, according to Stefan Gasparovic, social security district manager in Saginaw.

The first benefit will be payable for the 6th month of disability rather than for the 7th month of disability as under present law.

"For example," Gasparovic said, "a worker disabled on January 15, 1973, can begin getting benefits for July 1973, with the check for July delivered in early August. Previously his benefits would begin for August with the check delivered in September."

The new provision will also affect disabled widows and dependent widowers who are eligible for benefits on the basis of disability.

In 1973, the new law will

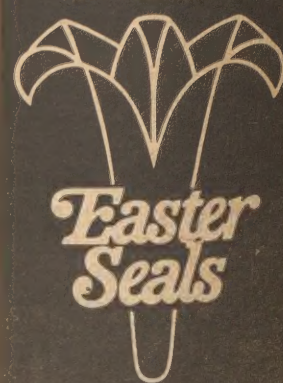
mean \$108 million in additional benefits to 950,000 disabled workers and their families, according to Gasparovic.

"Reducing the waiting period by one month will help to relieve some of the financial hardships faced by disabled people who have little or no savings or other resources to fall back on," Gasparovic said.

Social security pays monthly benefits to eligible workers and their families if the severely disabled and expected to be unable to work for a year or more.

More than 1.7 million disabled workers and 1.3 million dependents get \$389 million a month in social security benefits.

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Breve Historia Mexicana

"The Centaur of the North" and Attila of the South" are with us to this very day--Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata. No greater contrast could there be between two men. Villa was stout, restless, and loud. He was the spirit of unchecked nature. Zapata was small around 130 lbs), quiet and reserved. Why has Zapata endured? Zapata was one with the masses, his heart was with the people and the people instinctively felt it. Shy and modest, after his victories, he would often take to the hills rather than occupy palaces and easy chairs, visitors to the Zapata camps often complained that they could not tell "the chiefs from the Indians." In Zapata's camp, rank was a matter of devotion, not of uniform or duty. On the eve of August 13, 1914, after the battles, when the combined revolutionary forces were in Mexico City making treaties and pacts, Zapata alone stayed away-but not distant. His men fought with their very souls for a liberated Mexico. As a sentinel of justice he camped on the edge of the city. John Womack records that one could see "the lights from (Zapata's) campfires on the mountains to the south flickering in the August night. "The revolution over, worse men took control of the government. Zapata, true to his principles and people, continued

fighting. The death of "el jefe" would end the people's revolt, the government thought. But after his death, which was felt so very deeply in the hearts of his people, it was said, "Ya mataron a Zapata, ahora todos somos Zapatistas" (They have killed Zapata, now we are all Zapatistas). Legends have it that Zapata still rides in the mountains of Morelos. His spirit and revolt would live forever. It was Zapata who gave us these words: "Es mejor morir de pie que vivir de rodillas" (It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees). The women of Mexico also became legendary as they fought beside their men. There were incredible women like La Adelita, La Rielera, La Jesusita, La Valentina, and Guadalupe la Chicana. La Raza comes from a people of great patience and of great humility, but also of great strength when repeated acts of injustice move them to revolt. Hidalgo, Morelos, Juarez, Zapata, Guadalupe la Chicana--all these are now dead. But their spirits remain in the hearts of our people. En el corazón del Chicano is Zapata's imminent rebirth. El cue muere, pero la grandeza de la madre siempre quedara grabada en las paginas de la historia. Viva Villa Viva Zapata.

Dinner to Benefit Perfect Place

The Perfect Place, Inc., a temporary shelter for homeless women over 17 years of age was opened in June of 1972 at 835 Howard Street. Originally it began as a Pilot Project supported by the Community Affairs Department of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw.

The motive of the pilot project was to check and prove the need for such a home in the Saginaw community. Funds were granted for a short period and the project home is in need of money to continue operating.

A spaghetti dinner is to be held Sunday, March 4 from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall at 2280 Williamson Road by the Board of Directors in an attempt to raise funds to support the Home.

Donations are \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for children. The public is invited.

Thank you for your time and consideration, stated Ms. Joyce Namath, publicity committee chairman, Board of Directors, The Perfect Place.

FOR ELECTED MEMBERS

Model Cities Policy Board Election Banquet, Tuesday February 27, 1973 at the Saginaw Civic Center.

Speakers: (Tentative) Congressman James Harvey; Mayor Paul Wendler; CDA Director Preston D. Wiley; CP Coordinator Karlene Beatty.

Recognition of 18 newly elected Model Neighborhood Residents to Model Cities Policy Board.

Recognition of 6 mayoral appointments to Model Cities Policy Board.

Live Entertainment.



AT THE COMMITTEE of the whole meeting the Council Chamber was jammed with Model Cities Neighborhood residents as well as project operators.

Model Cities Accountant Robert Roach is checking the figures of a project proposal.



MR. AND MRS. CLYDE BOWMAN

"TO THOSE WHO CARED"

On behalf of my family and myself I wish to express our appreciation for the many thoughtful ways in which you showed your concern for us, at this time of sadness. You came forth when we really needed you and we will always be grateful.

A POET ONCE WROTE:

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, As the swift seasons roll! Leave thy low-vaulted past! Let each new temple, nobler than the last, Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, Till thou at length art free, Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!

Now my husband's soul is free. God Bless all of you for being just what you were - Friends in need.

Mrs. Clyde J. Bowman

DRUG WORK SHOP



Dear Sir:
We the Stop-The-Flow-Of-Drugs, Inc., 1815 Lapeer Street, Saginaw, Michigan are having a drug educational assembly in the Saginaw Civic Center, 303 Johnson Street, February 25, at 7 p.m.

The Assembly will relate to drug education and community involvement. The name of the program is East Side, West Side Story.

Our speakers will be prosecuting attorney Brady Denton, Sergeant Duncan, Lou Oates, Carl Smith, Jim Colvin, Honorable Judge McDonald.

*Mrs. Samar
Community Affairs
Mr. V. Washington
Director*

What Is Aztlan?

Aztlan is the name given to America's South-West. It is the name chosen by our ancient forefathers for their land. Today Aztlan includes more or less the states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, and parts of Kansas and Oklahoma. And why are we particularly concerned with the dwellers of Aztlan? Because the people who lived in Aztlan, unlike the other groups to the north, developed a culture paralled to that of the Indians of Mexico, and in many cases were of the same tribal stock, spoke a similar language, migrated back and forth until there remained but surface differences between the people of Mexico and Aztlan, in fact, those who migrated into Mexico were from Aztlan for you must remember that all the populating of the Americas started from the north. We, the Chicanos of today who live in the American Southwest, are direct descendants of the people who lived in Aztlan-the land where we now live. Our nearest Indian relatives, of course, are the Aztecs and the Mayas, but their ancestors, in turn, were the people of Aztlan. Some of the most ancient Aztlan people were the Anasazi (the ancient ones), the Hohokan (those who have gone), and the Cochise who might also be called "The Tortilleros" for as early as 5000-3000 B. C. they were grinding corn into flour. The Chicanos then are descendants of the Nation of Aztlan.

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MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD



"BLACK COMMUNITY SHOULD be more oriented," says Bruce Moorer.

Bruce Moorer, 1911 Cherry St., follows the Model Cities news closely in the Valley Star. He is 33 years old, married and has two kids.

Bruce feels that the Valley Star does a good job relaying information to the black community. However, he feels that the community needs to get into politics more since the Model Cities program will phase out. Since the revenue sharing program is coming into Saginaw, Bruce feels that the public should be more political oriented. He says that the community needs people on the council that will think of people with the revenue sharing dollars.

The Valley Star, according to Bruce, prints the whole story. It doesn't fail the community by printing only half the story or a biased version of the story. He gets

disgusted with other news media because he feels they only print the bad things that go on in the black community and very few good things.

Bruce has the desire to see some improvements. He would like to see more black families encourage education at the college and trade school level. There are too many "shoddy 235 homes." He wants the black people to get together and stop the scandals like the "235 homes". The most important thing Bruce would like to see is the black community become more oriented in community organization. They should learn about the programs available to them as taxpayers, i.e. welfare, social security, City Hall. If the people knew more about these type of institutions they could make these organizations work for them.

Dope Fiend

BY: Larry Moore

Because negritude has been negated, unwritten in the chronicles, and remote from men's minds, I was a dope fiend, strung out - on integrating society.

Strung out, because a highly addictive drug, T.A.M. (Thoughts Against Myself), had been shot into my brain. My high, was believing that I could be assimilated into the mainstream of American society.

As TAM sped through the mainstream of my blood, I begged this country to accept me, pleading for larger doses of the poison, destroying my inner self, denying the lifestyle I had lived all my life, seeing with a white eye, my exuding Blackness.

More, more, please more; accept me! Love me! Let me eat in your restaurants, drink from your fountains, attain my rightful station in life!

I packed my belongings and ran out to suburbia to escape from the niggers, so, my kids would not be raised as I had been. In doing this, I was unaware that I had nestled in the den of the pushers.

At night, I had nightmares, spectres of faces from my past returned to haunt me, myriad dark shadows tried to invade my subconscious with Black thoughts.

I OD in my sleep, chanting with my dying breath; No! Don't take my fix from me, please, please, it ruptures my soul. If I can't integrate, I'll have to be - Black.



BETTY ROBINSON SAID the articles on dope were very enlightening.

Betty Robinson of 816 Hoyt, Apt. 2, says she likes reading the Valley Star. She liked, especially, the articles in the drug series. She also

likes reading about the things going on in the community. The only regret Betty expressed was that the Valley Star wasn't widely enough distributed.

People Talk



"WE CAN NOT let Model Cities go," says Hazel Brooks.

Hazel M. Brooks, 798 N. Washington, feels that the Model Cities program is facing a challenging situation. She feels the community needs more cooperation and organization to have the strength it needs to accomplish the things Model Cities stand for.

"It is so divided here. Everyone is doing his things and forgetting about his brothers and sisters." She feels that there is only one race - the human race. "Love is sharing and caring."

Mrs. Brooks says that if we are going to win the war on poverty, we must each rise up above our environments. If one lives low, he will think low of himself.

There is no generation gap, says Mrs. Brooks. Also, the future generation will be in good hands. If everyone will

look at each person as an individual, listen to others and let other people make their mistakes, there should be no worry for the future.

There is a need for new leadership, expressed Mrs. Brooks. Empathy and sympathy are needed. Her last statement was, "We can't let Model Cities go down."

Give the OIC Way

The community of Northeast Saginaw has been called upon to show their concern about and to meet the need of unemployment and underemployment. Volunteers throughout our community will be calling on you during OIC fund raising weeks. When you give the OIC way, you're not just giving, you're building.

People Talk



"WE NEED MORE lights," says Maria Ganzalez.

Shoveling the snow out her driveway at 626 N. 5th St., was Maria Ganzalez. She is 25 years old and teaches at Webber School. Maria felt that some improvements could be made by installing better lighting and by picking up stray dogs that are allowed to run around loose.



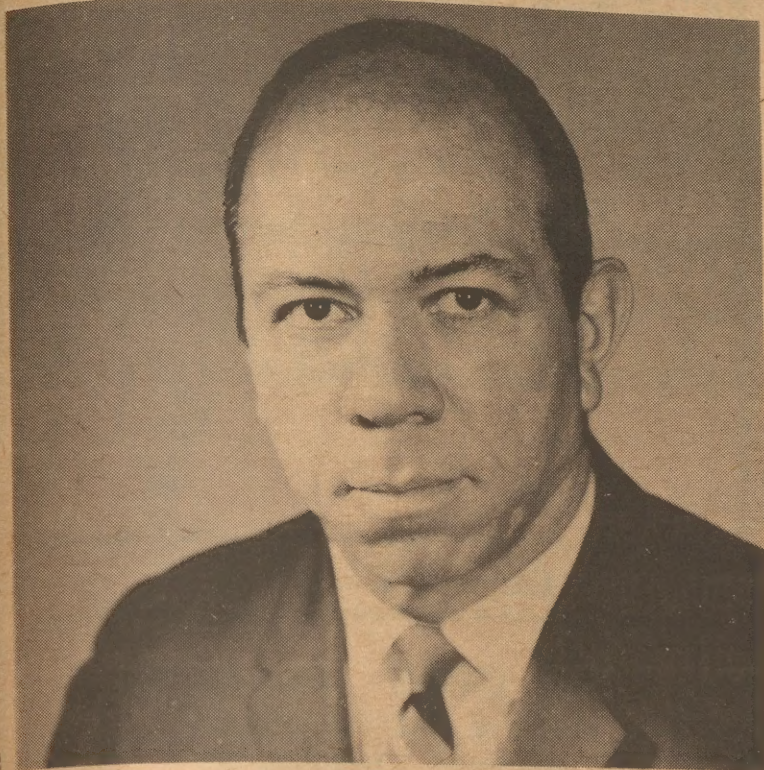
Clifford, 4 and Dale, 5, Simons, 503 Carlisle. As you can see, they like playing in the snow.

Free Transportation Available for Senior Citizens

Transportation is now available for Model Neighborhood Senior Citizens. If you need transportation for any purpose just dial 754-1463 and ask for senior citizen services. Give the operator your name, address, phone number and destination. Service is available only in the afternoon. Service will be expanded in the very near future. Please call in the mornings.

Haste May Waste A Child's Life
DRIVE WITH CARE!

Otis M. Smith Elected Assistant General Counsel



The election by the Board of Directors of Otis M. Smith as an assistant general counsel of General Motors was announced today by Chairman Richard C. Gerstenberg.

Mr. Smith, whose promotion is effective March 1, joined the GM Legal Staff in February of 1967 after a career in Michigan state government including six years as a justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and in private law practice. His GM assignments have included attorney in charge of the general litigation section of the Legal Staff.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., born February 20, 1922, Mr. Smith received his undergraduate education at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., and Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y. His law degree was from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Smith has held a number of elective offices in the State of Michigan in addition to the Supreme Court post, including chairman of the Michigan, 1959-61; member of the board of regents of the University of Michigan, 1967-71.

Currently, Mr. Smith is

chairman of the board of trustees of Oakland University, Rochester, Mich., and a member of the Administrative Conference of the U.S. and of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their four sons live in Detroit.

Business of the Week The Walnut Street Market



Mary "Joyce" McCray, owner and manager of the Walnut Street Market, enjoys her business very much. She is married and has five children. Her husband and children help her in her store when they can. She employs one other person, Nick, who she has there so she won't have to be by herself.

She says she isn't displeased with her customers at all. On the whole they are very decent. She does, at times, have a hard time when the kids from Central School get out for the day. They come into the store in crowds and must be watched very carefully.

The Walnut Street Market is a small, corner grocery store that sells all kinds of odds and ends. People come from all over to buy the fish Mrs. McCray gets in from Louisiana. The customers also enjoy being able to buy fresh collard, mustard and turnip greens.

The store is open weekdays from 9:30 - 6:00 and Fridays and Saturdays 9:30

"Tzimmes" Spells Menu Excitement

In Yiddish, the word, "Tzimmes" means "excitement," menu excitement, in this case. The dish combines vegetables, beef and sometimes dried fruits. Long cooking tenderizes and blends the flavors. The juices are spiced lightly and delicately thickened with corn starch.

Tzimmes

- 2 tablespoons corn oil
- 3 pounds beef brisket
- 4 cups boiling water
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 8 carrots, sliced in 1-inch diagonal pieces
- 4 yams, peeled and cut in quarters
- ½ cup dark corn syrup
- ¼ cup corn starch
- ¼ cup water

Heat corn oil in 5-quart Dutch oven over medium high heat; add meat and cook until browned, turning as needed. Add 4 cups water, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 1½ hours. Add vegetables and corn syrup. Cover and bake in a 350°F. oven 2 hours, removing the cover during the last half hour. Remove meat and vegetables to heated serving dishes. Mix corn starch and ¼ cup water until smooth. add to liquid in Dutch oven. Bring to boil, stirring constantly and boil 1 minute. Serve sauce with Tzimmes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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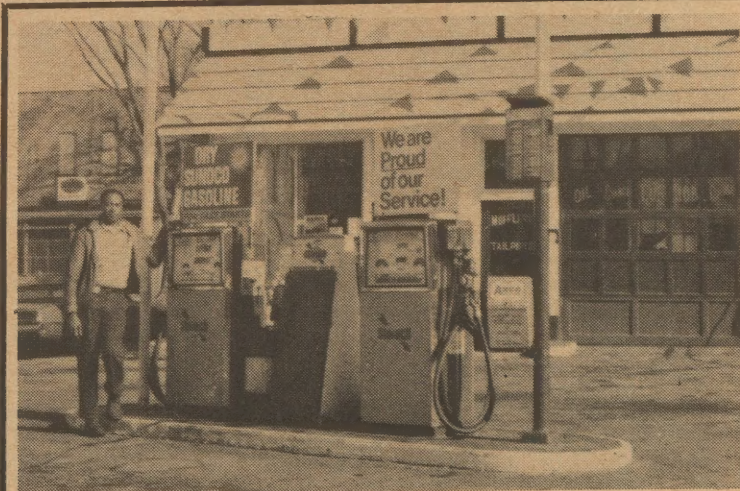
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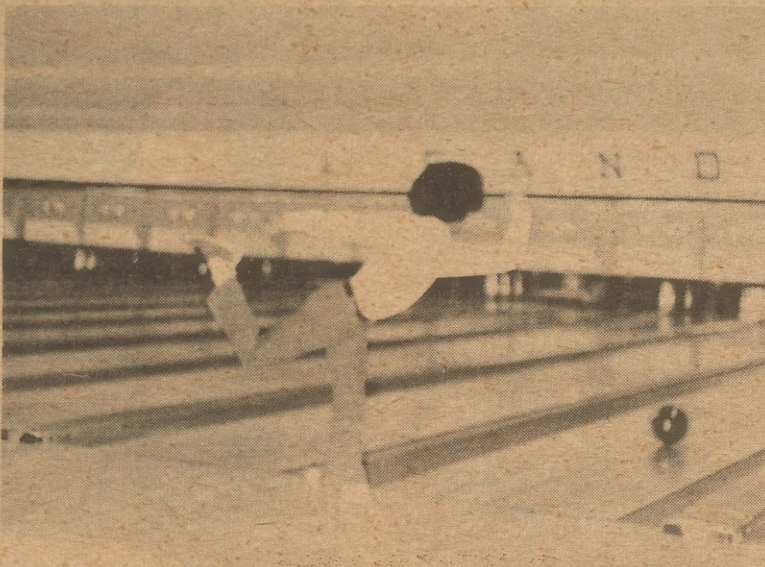
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Bowling at Candlelight Bowl, last Saturday, Feb. 9, 13-year-old Harold Wilson made the day for his team, the Ferris Wheels, by bowling a 239 in his second game of the day. Harold is a student at Arthur Eddy Junior High and has a reputation for good bowling.

The Ferris Wheels are part of the Cedar Point League, made up of nearly seventy youngsters, from the city schools, who bowl every Saturday afternoon at Candlelight.

In charge of this high-spirited group is Mr. Riedel, of the Arthur Eddy faculty.

One of the high points of each week's bowling is the presenting of the "Bowler of the Week" trophies. Shown in the picture is Mark Colvin displaying one of his trophies. Mark will be contributing articles from time to time about the most interesting highlights of the Saturday action at Candlelight Bowl, so watch for "Mark's Bowling Spotlight" in the Valley Star.

Founders' Day

BY: Charlene Colvin

On Wednesday evening, February 7, 1973, the Saginaw Council of Parent-Teacher associations welcomed parents, teachers and guests to its forty-eighth Annual Founders' Day Banquet, held at the Saginaw High School cafeteria.

The program began with a candlelighting ceremony and



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MRS. AUDRA FRANCIS

a musical presentation by Saginaw High's exciting Soul Choir.

Following a baked chicken dinner, prepared in the face of all sorts of bad luck by Mr. Maurice 'Lucky' Wash, the program continued with an eloquent tribute to past presidents of the Council. Seven of these lovely ladies were present, perhaps the best known of them being Mrs.



DR. JACK TAYLOR

G.W. (Audra) Francis. As each past president came forward, she was given a single yellow rose, which is the symbol of loyalty and faithfulness.

The speaker for the evening, Dr. Jack Taylor, upon being introduced, made his own special presentation. He called Mrs. Audra Francis again from the audience and anticipating the celebration planned by the City Council in her honor, presented to her a floral arrangement of

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Dr. Taylor's talk was entitled 'Parents are Teachers Too' and was an appeal to parents to take full advantage of opportunities to expose their children to a wider range of experience. Such exposure, he said, is the best possible preparation for good academic performance.

Parents really have more chances to teach children than teachers do, since, from birth to age 18, a child spends nine times more at home as he does at school and since, said Dr. Taylor, "Children are in a constant state of learning."

The most important thing that parents can teach a child is a positive attitude toward

himself and his environment, including school. Briefly, here are Dr. Taylor's tips for parents: Make young people feel good about themselves; Help them make use of excess energy; Provide an example of respect for authority; Show affection; Give your time and enjoy it; Be a sympathetic listener.

As the evening ended, special thanks was extended to the various elementary school classes who made centerpieces and table decorations and to the Saginaw High special education department, which contributed the programs.

The benediction by Rev. Nick Hall concluded the program.

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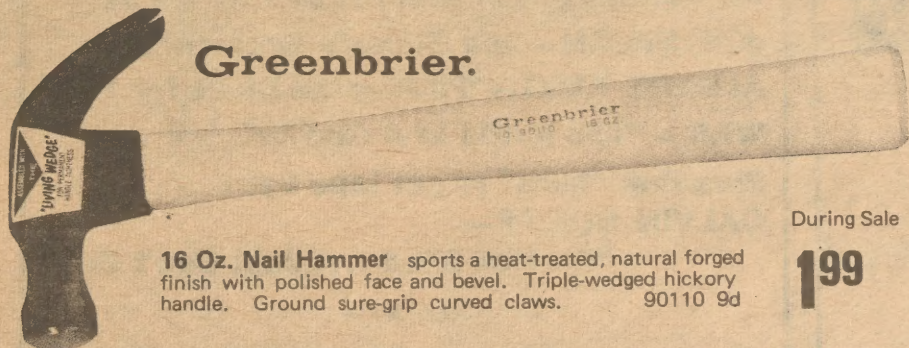
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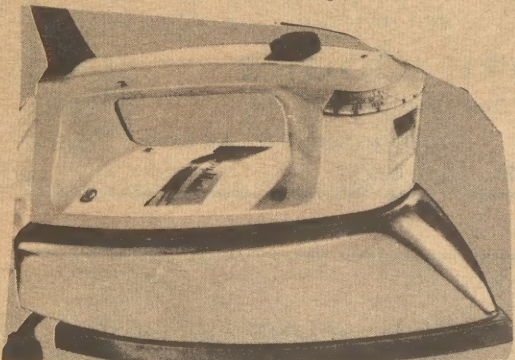
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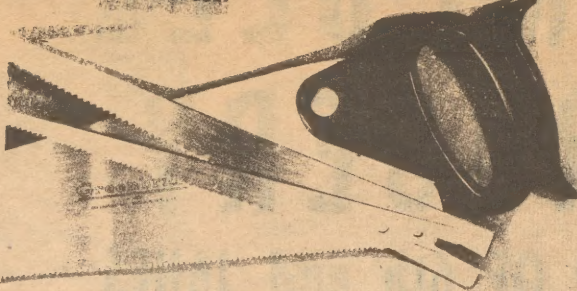
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The suspects were traced to 504 N. 3rd Street and finally four persons were apprehended in connection with the armed robbery. Sixty dollars in cash, a camera, and a lady's handbag were among the reported stolen goods.

The money out of the cash box at Mr. B's was stolen while one of the employees was away from the register.

Who's got the money now? In a money argument, Hilliard Baldrige was found shot in the stomach, James A. Williams was shot in the right arm, and Robert Weems was cut on the left leg by a 13" knife.

Marge La Fenerier, 37 South 4th Street, Apt. 3, was found dead by Kera Escobar. She had turned all the gas on and stuck her head into the oven.

Mrs. Johnnie B. Jones was shot to death on February 18, at 12:30 a.m. Her husband said that she wanted to know how to fire the gun and it accidentally went off. Mrs. Jones was dead when the police arrived at their residence at 420 Carrole Street.

Olga Stratz, Mary Jane McKenna, Gerald J. Cezarz -- all were overdose patients. All were overdosed on unknown quantities of pills. Drug deaths continue to rise. Are you next?

At South School, a 13-year-old boy was found to have 5 marijuana pouches in his shirt pocket.

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